GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Indian Troops Abroad
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India has committed to deploy a fresh contingent of over 100 paramilitary troops for rendering special police combat and security duties under the United Nations flag in the African Nation of Liberia;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total strength of Indian troops deployed across the world under United Nations flag as of now;

(d) whether the Government is considering to call back some troops from different countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (e) India's commitment to UN peace keeping remains strong and will grow.

At the Leaders' Summit on UN Peacekeeping held on 28 September 2015 in New York, Prime Minister announced India's new contributions to existing or new UN Peacekeeping Operations that will include 3 more Formed Police Units (FPUs) with increased participation of women peacekeepers; an additional battalion of upto 850 troops; commitment to provide critical enablers; deployment of technical personnel in UN Missions and additional training for peace keepers at Indian facilities.

As on 31 March 2016, India is the second largest troop (both military and police) contributing country with 7,700 personnel deployed in 10 out of 19 ongoing UN Peacekeeping missions.